

VENISSA AUGUSTIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Venissa Augustin for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Venissa Augustin is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Venissa Augustin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Venissa Augustin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO LOUISA JOSEFINA MORRIS**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Louisa Josefina Morris on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Ms. Morris was born on January 17, 1911, in Colon, Panama. Her parents are Elmina Cox and Charles Watts; but, she was raised by her grandparents, Ella and Ernest Beury. Her grandparents were important role models, fostering her development and growth with a loving and caring home.

Ms. Morris married Irving Benjamin Morris. Together they had five children: Irene Walker, Davina Morris, Olivia Aikens, Leo Morris, and Elisa Morris.

In 1958, Ms. Morris relocated to the United States to work at a local hospital. After becoming a citizen five years later, her children and husband followed. Today, all of Ms. Morris' children are adults. She helped raise multiple generations of her family and is now a great grandmother.

Ms. Morris lived a full life in the past 100 years. She witnessed the events of World War I, World War II, Vietnam and the Civil Rights Movement. She experienced the lives of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, President John F. Kennedy, and President Barack Obama. Ms. Morris has seen it all and did what many are unable to.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Louisa Josefina Morris.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS PARK**HON. LARRY KISSELL**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the millions of veterans who have served our country with honor. As the son of a WWII veteran, I understand the sacrifices these men and women have made for our country. We must all remember that we need to find ways to say thank you year round. I am always challenged to find an adequate way to show my appreciation to these modern-day heroes. No matter how heartfelt and sincere our "thank you" is, it can never be expressed enough. Today, I come to you Mr. Speaker, with a resolution that was passed unanimously by the North Carolina House and North Carolina Senate. This resolution honors the dedication of the new North Carolina Veterans Park in Fayetteville, NC, the most military friendly city in America, for its grand opening on July 4, 2011. The resolution reads:

[North Carolina Senate Resolution 85, Feb. 21, 2011]

A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE DEDICATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS PARK.

Whereas, the citizens of North Carolina have a long and proud history, dating to this country's birth, of paying special honor and respect to its sons and daughters who protect our country's freedoms; and

Whereas, the lands of North Carolina and our country are enjoyed by all its citizens due to the unending efforts and sacrifices made by all of our veterans; and

Whereas, North Carolina is proud to be the home to Cherry Point Air Station, 8 Charlotte Air National Guard, Camp Lejeune, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, New River Air Station, and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base; and

Whereas, North Carolina is proud to call itself the most military friendly state in America and, as a state, North Carolina has one of the highest percentages of veterans in America; and

Whereas, July 4, 2011, will mark the dedication of the North Carolina Veterans Park; and

Whereas, the purpose of the North Carolina Veterans Park is to honor all North Carolina veterans and be a composition of objects, spaces, and images that symbolize gratitude, reflection, celebration, and education, and commemorate achievement, service, dedication, and sacrifice; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Veterans Park is located in Fayetteville, North Carolina, home of Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, and is adjacent to the Airborne and Special Operations Museum, which is a part of the United States Army Museum System, providing an exciting educational experience and preserving the legend of airborne and special operation forces; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Veterans Park will consist of seven water features and public art representing participation of individuals from across the State; and

Whereas, the hands of 100 veterans were cast to honor and represent every county in North Carolina and are displayed in this park's Wall of Oath; and

Whereas, soil from each of the State's 100 counties will be included in the construction of the columns in the park; and

Whereas, public art sculptures in the public plaza at the North Carolina Veterans Park signify our veterans' commitment, courage, dedication, heroism, sacrifice, service, and strength, as well as the incredible talents of our State's artist; and

Whereas, the city of Fayetteville has directed the design and construction of the North Carolina Veterans Park to meet or exceed all guidelines and guidance provided by a large segment of the veteran population, including Content Committee members from all five branches of the military service; Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate:

SECTION 1. The Senate joins the citizens of this State in expressing its pride and gratitude to the veterans of this State for their service, dedication, and sacrifice in protecting the freedoms of this country and designates July 4, 2011, as "North Carolina Veterans Park Day."

SECTION 2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

Mr. Speaker, the storyline of the Veterans Park reads:

From the soils of North Carolina,
You left your families and homes
With purpose to serve your country.
In service, you made sacrifices.
You are our veterans.
This is your place to reflect on and
Share your experience.
To feel pride in your service,
Bond with fellow veterans, and heal.
Here, may you find support and inspiration
To live your lives today.
The people of North Carolina
Honor your service and welcome you home.

May all our veterans continue to be honored with the utmost regard, both those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country as well as those who are still with us who continue to carry the burdens and scars of war every day.

TANYA ESTRADA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tanya Estrada for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Tanya Estrada is a 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tanya Estrada is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Tanya Estrada for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.